



'Historic': The scaffold has been covered with banners Picture: PA

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# Travellers in heritage bid

TRAVELLERS at the illegal Dale Farm site in Essex want English Heritage to give their scaffolding gateway listed status.

The entrance protects the site from bailiffs and has become a symbol of their resistance over the last five years.

'The tower is all that stands between ourselves and the bailiffs,' said resident Kathleen McCarthy.

'As long as it remains standing, we know there are people outside our community who still care about our rights.'

In a statement on its website, English Heritage said it was a 'highly unusual

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case without precedent' but confirmed: 'We are nonetheless legally obliged to consider it.

'Buildings under 30 years old are normally listed only if they are of outstanding quality, in architectural and historic terms, and under threat. Our response will be released very shortly.'

The clearance of Dale Farm near Basildon was due to begin last week.

But an injunction preventing bailiffs moving in is in force while appeals are heard at the High Court in London.